

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5109, AS REPORTED
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At the end of title I, insert the following new section
(and conform the table of contents in section 1(b) accordingly):

1 SEC. 108. CHIROPRACTORS AND CHIROPRACTIC CARE.

2 (a) EMPLOYMENT CATEGORY.—(1) Section 7401(1)
3 is amended by inserting “chiropractors,” after “optom-
4 etrist,”.

5 (2) Section 7402(b)(10) is amended by inserting
6 “chiropractor,” after “physician assistant,”.

7 (3) Section 7403(a)(2) is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new subparagraph:

9 “(H) Chiropractors.”.

10 (4) Section 7421(b) is amended by adding at the end
11 the following new paragraph:

12 “(8) Chiropractors.”.

13 (b) CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE PLAN.—(1) Not
14 later than March 31, 2001, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
15 fairs shall complete development of a plan to improve the
16 provision of chiropractic health care services and benefits
17 by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (2) The plan shall (in a manner consistent with the
2 Veterans Health Administration policy on chiropractic
3 services as in effect on May 4, 2000) provide for the fol-
4 lowing:

5 (A) Improving the provision of chiropractic
6 services by the Veterans Health Administration.

7 (B) Assessing the cost and clinical policy impli-
8 cations of providing direct access to the full scope of
9 chiropractic services, as determined by the Sec-
10 retary, including at a minimum, care for neuro-
11 musculoskeletal conditions typical among veterans.

12 (C) A detailed analysis of the projected costs of
13 fully integrating chiropractic health care services
14 into the Department of Veterans Affairs health care
15 system.

16 (D) A review of the adequacy of any proposed
17 treatment facility at which chiropractic services
18 would be provided to veterans.

19 (E) An examination of any other relevant fac-
20 tors that the Secretary considers appropriate, par-
21 ticularly those associated with the effect of providing
22 the full scope of chiropractic services on the so-called
23 “primary care” model of the delivery of care and
24 services to enrolled veterans as practiced within the
25 Veterans Health Administration.

1 (F) Such other matters as the Secretary con-
2 siders important in the consideration of the intro-
3 duction of chiropractic services in the Department of
4 Veterans Affairs.

5 (3) Not later than June 30, 2001, the Secretary of
6 Veterans Affairs shall submit a report on the plan re-
7 quired under paragraph (1) to the Committees on Vet-
8 erans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives.
9 The report shall address each of the matters specified in
10 paragraph (2).

11 (c) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary
12 of Veterans Affairs shall consult with the advisory com-
13 mittee established under section 7323 of title 38, United
14 States Code, regarding the following:

15 (1) The development and implementation of the
16 plan required under subsection (b).

17 (2) Each report that the Secretary is required
18 to submit to Congress regarding the plan.

19 (3) The selection of the Department treatment
20 facilities at which the chiropractic services described
21 in subsection (b)(2)(A) are to be provided.

22 (d) CONTINUATION OF CURRENT SERVICES.—Until
23 the plan required under subsection (b) is implemented, the
24 Secretary shall continue to furnish at least the same level
25 of chiropractic health care services and benefits under

1 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, that is pro-
2 vided during fiscal year 2000 at medical treatment facili-
3 ties that provide such services and benefits.

4 (e) GAO REPORTS.—The Comptroller General shall
5 monitor the development and implementation of the plan
6 required under subsection (b), including the administra-
7 tion of services and benefits under the plan, and shall peri-
8 odically submit to the committees referred to in subsection
9 (b)(3) written reports on such development and implemen-
10 tation.

11 (f) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—(1) Subchapter II of
12 chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code, is amended
13 by adding at the end the following new section:

14 **“§ 7323. Advisory Committee on Complementary and**
15 **Alternative Medicine and Chiropractic**
16 **Care**

17 “(a) The Secretary, acting through the Under Sec-
18 retary for Health, shall establish in the Veterans Health
19 Administration an Advisory Committee on Complementary
20 and Alternative Medicine and Chiropractic Care.

21 “(b) Members of the committee shall be appointed
22 from persons representing the major providers of, and dis-
23 ciplines in, complementary and alternative medicine and
24 chiropractic care, including the following:

25 “(1) Acupuncture.

1 “(2) Nutritional intervention.

2 “(3) Botanical therapy.

3 “(4) Mind/body medicine.

4 “(5) Physical and manual therapy.

5 “(6) Pharmacological and biological agents.

6 “(7) Chiropractic therapy.

7 “(8) Such others as may be identified by the

8 National Institutes of Health.

9 “(c) The committee shall meet at intervals as deter-
10 mined by the Secretary and shall provide advice and rec-
11 ommendations to the Secretary and Under Secretary on
12 the establishment of programs and policies associated with
13 the delivery of complementary and alternative medicine
14 and chiropractic services, including the following:

15 “(1) Guidance and recommendations to the
16 Secretary and Under Secretary on the need to estab-
17 lish programs of care for those disciplines.

18 “(2) Evaluations.

19 “(3) Research and development.

20 “(4) Academic affiliations and other relation-
21 ships and activities related to alternative health serv-
22 ices.

23 “(d) The committee shall—

1 “(1) advise the Under Secretary regarding com-
2 plementary and alternative medicine and chiro-
3 practic care; and

4 “(2) make recommendations to the Under
5 Secretary—

6 “(A) for improving programs of such care
7 at specific facilities and throughout the Vet-
8 erans Health Administration;

9 “(B) for establishing special programs of
10 education and training relevant to such care for
11 employees of the Veterans Health Administra-
12 tion;

13 “(C) regarding research needs and prior-
14 ities relevant to such care; and

15 “(D) regarding the appropriate allocation
16 of resources for all such activities.

17 “(e)(1) Not later than April 1, 2001, the Secretary
18 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of
19 the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the
20 implementation of this section. The report shall include
21 the following:

22 “(A) A list of the members of the committee.

23 “(B) The findings and recommendations made
24 by the committee to the Under Secretary for Health

1 and the views of the Under Secretary on such find-
2 ings and recommendations.

3 “(2) Not later than February 1, 2002, and February
4 1 of each of the three following years, the Secretary shall
5 submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Sen-
6 ate and House of Representatives a report containing in-
7 formation updating the reports submitted under this sub-
8 section before the submission of such report.”.

9 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
10 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
11 to section 7322 the following new item:

“7323. Advisory Committee on Complementary and Alternative Medicine and
Chiropractic Care.”.